North Eastern Region States

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5.	Arunachal Pradesh	676.00
6.	Assam	1,750.00
7.	Manipur	#
8.	Meghalaya	545.00
9.	Mizoram	430.00
10.	Nagaland	424.00
11.	Sikkim	350.00
12.	Tripura	625.00

Annual Plan outlay yet to be finalized.

Gadgil Mukherjee Formula for Balanced Development

2742. SHRI AIMADUDDIN AHMED KHAN (DURRU): Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Rajasthan has made any suggestions for ensuring a balanced development of the country, by way of re-adjusting the weightage given to difference in the matter of plan allocations and Central assistance, under the Gadgil Mukherjee formula;

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating the area-specific elements brought forth by Rajasthan Government in this regard; and

(c) Government's decision thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Planning Commission has received suggestions from various State Governments regarding revision of the Gadgil Formula for allocation of Normal Central Assistance for the Annual Plans of States. In this context, Government of Rajasthan has suggested that 'area' may be included as a factor in the Gadgil Formula since there is a disproportionately high cost of providing infrastructure and services in the desert areas because of low density of population. Government of Rajasthan has also called for an increase in the grant element in Plan assistance. However, there is wide divergence in the views amongst

the States in regard to the revision of Gadgil Formula. The Full Planning Commission in its meeting held on 27th and 29th June 2001 discussed, *inter-alia*, the issue of revision of Gadgil Formula and in view of the divergence of the views among the State Governments and the sensitivity of this issue, it was decided that it would be necessary to discuss this further and evolve a consensus before alternatives are considered by the National Development Council.

Formulation of New Transport Policy

†2743. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a demand for formulation of new transport policy is being made;

(b) if so, whether the Government have considered this demand so far; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJ. GEN. (RETD.) B. C. KHANDURI]: (a) to (c) Government is not aware of any demand for a new transport policy. Evolution of transport policy is a continuous process, keeping pace with changing needs, technology and opportunities.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.